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TITLE OF	SE2004/001061 30 C FINVENTION	June 2004	1 July 2003			
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Applicant	nt herewith submits to the United States Des	signated/Elected Office (DO/EC	O/US) the following items and other information:			
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2	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission	n of items concerning a submission	n under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
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4. X	The US has been elected (Article 31).					
5. X	A copy of the International Application as filed	(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))				
	a. is attached hereto (required only if ne	ot communicated by the Internation	nal Bureau).			
	b. X has been communicated by the Inter	national Bureau.				
	c. is not required, as the application wa	s filed in the United States Receivi	ng Office (RO/US).			
6.	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).					
	a. is attached hereto.					
	b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7.	Amendments to the claims of the International	Application under PCT Article 19 (	35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))			
	a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
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	d. have not been made and will not be made.					
8.	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9.	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
10.	An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:						
11. X	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. 🔲	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. X	A preliminary amendment.					
14.	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.					
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